

CHAPTER 97-02-01.1

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR

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97-02-01.1-01. Requirements to become a licensed professional clinical counselor. For an applicant to become a licensed professional clinical counselor, the individual must be a licensed professional counselor under North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-47 and:

1. Have at least a master's degree from an accredited school or college in counseling or other program that meets the academic and training standards adopted by the board;
2. Have sixty semester graduate hours, twelve of which may be obtained in documented training or clinical experience or courses consistent with national board for certified counselors guidelines for the clinical mental health counselor certification. A minimum of fifteen contact hours in each of the following three coursework categories must be included within the sixty semester credits required for the licensed professional clinical counselor. The three categories are:
 - a. Abnormal psychology and psychopathology;
 - b. Appraisal and diagnostic evaluation; and
 - c. Clinical counseling skills;
3. Have two years of post-master's clinical experience, including:
 - a. Eight hundred hours of clinical training in supervised practica and internships in settings relevant to the practice of clinical counseling. These hours may be within the required sixty graduate semester hours.
 - b. Two years (three thousand hours) of post-master's clinical experience in a clinical setting. This must include one hundred hours of face-to-face supervision (a minimum of sixty hours of individual supervision) by a board-approved supervisor. The

supervisor must be a licensed professional clinical counselor, psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, or other qualified professional;

4. Provide three professional letters of reference. One must be from the post-master's clinical supervisor. The other two must be from professionals familiar with the applicant's clinical experience;
5. Have passed the clinical mental health counseling examination as offered by the national board for certified counseling; and
6. Provide a demonstration of clinical skills in a videotaped counseling session of no less than thirty minutes duration. This tape may involve either individual or group settings.

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97-02-01.1-02. Renewal of a licensed professional clinical counselor license. The licensed professional clinical counselor license must be renewed every two years on the expiration date of the individual's licensed professional counselor license. In addition to the thirty contact hours required for renewal of the licensed professional counselor license, ten additional hours of clinical professional development are required. These contact hours must be related to the person's intent to practice and must be preapproved by the board.

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97-02-01.1-03. Reciprocity. An applicant may be granted reciprocity upon satisfactory proof to the board that the applicant is currently licensed as a licensed professional clinical counselor under the laws of a state or territory of the United States that imposes requirements equal to or more stringent than this chapter.

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97-02-01.1-04. Fees. The following fees have been established by the board for the licensed professional clinical counselor license:

1. Application fee, one hundred fifty dollars.
2. Renewal fee, fifty dollars.

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97-02-01.1-05. Grandparenting provisions. The board shall issue, upon the application submitted prior to December 31, 1997, a license as a licensed professional clinical counselor, if the applicant satisfies subsection 1 or 2:

1. The applicant is currently licensed in this state as a licensed professional counselor; and
 - a. Provides documentation of at least two thousand clinical contact hours within four of the last seven years. Supervision of counselors or counseling students may be included in contact hours provided the supervisor has written documented past clinical experience;
 - b. Provides written verification of clinical practice by a supervisor or other clinical mental health professional; and
 - c. Provides documentation of at least one hundred hours of clinical supervision. The clinical supervision may be obtained within any two-year post-master's period, as collegial documented supervision within the last seven years, or a combination thereof.
2. The applicant is currently licensed in this state as a licensed professional counselor and provides proof of clinical mental health certification by the national board for certified counselors.

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97-02-01.1-06. Definitions. As used in this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Clinical counseling" means providing clinical mental health counseling services involving the application of principles of human development, learning theory, psychotherapy, group dynamics, and the etiology of mental illness and dysfunctional behavior to individuals, couples, families, and groups for the purpose of promoting optimal mental health, dealing with normal problems of living, and treating psychopathic disorders. Clinical counseling includes diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders; psycho-educational techniques aimed at the prevention of emotional and mental disorders; consultations to individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities; and clinical research into more effective psycho-therapeutic modalities.

2. "Licensed professional clinical counselor" means a person who is licensed under this chapter to practice the specialty of clinical counseling.

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97-02-01.1-07. Representation to the public. Only persons licensed under this chapter may use the title "licensed professional clinical counselor" or the abbreviation "LPCC".

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